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Sean Parnell, Governor
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Robert M. Pickett, Chairman

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

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In reply refer to: Common Carrier Section
File: TA15-702
LO#: L1000005

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Dear Ms. Hardenbergh:

On September 16, 2009, Adak Eagle Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Adak Telephone Utility (AEE) filed TA15-702,¹ a proposed local service revenue requirement study² and supporting testimonies,³ in compliance with Order U-07-144(5).⁴ We required additional information for our review of AEE local revenue requirement study. AEE has filed its response to Letter Order No. L0900594, and requested confidential treatment for portions of certain exhibits included in that response.⁵ Particularly, AEE sought confidential treatment for the following information:

- a) Exhibit 01, page 12: Wages and benefits of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/General Manager and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as well as the aggregate wages and benefits of those two officers;
- b) Exhibit 8 - PF 13: Historical test year information regarding controller wages and salary as well as budgeted CFO wages and salary;

¹ Tariff Advice Letter No. 15-702, AEE's Revenue Requirement Study Filed in Compliance With Order No. U-07-144(5); and Request for Waiver, filed September 16, 2009 (TA15-702).

² Adak Eagle Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Adak Telephone Utility Local Revenue Requirement Study For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2008, attached to TA15-702 (Revenue Requirement).

³ Prefiled Testimony of Larry G. Honchen (Honchen Testimony), and Prefiled Testimony of Susan L. Hardenbergh (Hardenbergh Testimony).

⁴ Order U-07-144(5), Order Accepting Stipulation Subject to Condition And Closing Docket, dated September 17, 2008.

⁵ Letter from S. L. Hardenbergh, Re: Response to Letter Order No. L0900594 and Request to Classify Records as Confidential, dated December 10, 2009 (Request).

- c) Exhibit 8 - PF 13, page 1: Information regarding budgeted CFO wage and benefit levels;
- d) Exhibit 8 - PF 13, page 2: Information regarding labor and benefit expense allocated to IPTV, cellular and broadband services provided by AEE affiliates;
- e) Exhibit 8 - PF 13, page 3: Salary and benefit information for 18 employee positions in the company; and
- f) Exhibit 8 - PF 23: Executive allocations, which are nearly identical to and contain the same salary and benefit information as Exhibit 01, page 12 above.⁶


We grant, in part, AEE's request for confidential treatment for the exhibits above. Specifically, we grant confidential treatment to Exhibit 8 - PF 13 (Historical test year information regarding controller wages and salary as well as budgeted CFO wages and salary); and Exhibit 8 - PF 13, pages 1-3. We find that AEE has demonstrated that good cause exists for confidential treatment of these exhibits.

We deny AEE's request for confidential treatment for Exhibit 01, page 12; and Exhibit 8 - PF 23. We find that AEE has not demonstrated that good cause exists to classify these exhibits as confidential under 3 AAC 48.045. The information in Exhibit 01, page 12 and Exhibit 8, - PF 23 is information which is aggregated as it is presented in AEE's filing and in some cases substantially similar information is publicly available upon examination of AEE's annual financial report on file with the Commission.⁷

In accordance with 3 AAC 48.047, AEE has seven days to petition for withdrawal of Exhibit 01, page 12; and Exhibit 8 - PF 23. If AEE does not petition to withdraw the exhibits for which confidential treatment is sought, the exhibits become public at the end of the seven-day period.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,


for Robert M. Pickett
Chairman

cc: Dean Thompson

⁶Request at 2.

⁷AEE Form M, Summary of Officer's/Owner's Compensation, file October 1, 2009.